



# PRESDALES SCHOOL

*Achievement for all*

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

We have now completed our Information Evenings for every year group. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend. If you were unable to attend please could you take time to go through the key messages in the presentations that have been sent out. A reminder that our Behaviour Policy is available on the [School website](#).

## Secondary Transfer Open Evening

Our Secondary Transfer Open Evening will be taking place this year on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30pm - 8.30pm. As in previous years, in order to prepare the school appropriately, school will close at 12.45pm.

This is one of the most important events on our school calendar and we rely on the support of all members of our school community to ensure its success. This year we have asked students in Years 7, 11 and the Sixth Form to assist in departments, with all other year groups providing tours. Please can we remind Parents/Carers to complete the [Google Form](#) to allow students to help on Open Evening.

**I would like to remind you that Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October is an Inset day and school is closed to all students.**

## Global Week of Languages and Culture

This week was 'The Global Week of Languages and Culture'. We celebrated the variety of languages and cultures represented in our diverse school community during a week of activities. In form time, students have looked at the lifelong benefits of learning and speaking other languages to promote understanding and better communication. In language lessons, Year 7 - 9 have researched cultural aspects of the languages they are learning and produced bunting to show what they have learned. Students in many lessons have been greeted in different languages by their teachers. Food has been a very important part of the week. The school canteen has offered meals with an international flavour, Year 7 have ordered an ice cream in a foreign language, either one they have learnt or in their home language. The highlight has to be the 'Culinary Connections' activity on Monday, when over 50 of our students brought in food made at home representing their home, heritage cultures from Ghana, Lithuania, France and many, many more. We were able to taste each other's food. Thank you to those parents who helped their children to cook and bake such a wide range of food.

## Host a Teacher from Germany Programme - UK German Connection

It has been a delight to welcome Mrs Rabea Schorn, a qualified teacher from the Heinrich Heine Gesamtschule in Düsseldorf into our school community for the past two weeks. The 'Host a Teacher from Germany' programme is co-funded by the Department of Education (England) and coordinated by UK-German Connection in partnership with the Pädagogischer Austauschdienst (PAD). The PAD is the German governmental institution in charge of international exchange at school level and works to develop and promote international cooperation. Although Mrs Schorn has been mostly with the MFL Department, sharing authentic insights into German culture and language with our students, she has also been experiencing the British school system and life at Presdales.

## Super Curriculum

As a school, we have created an engaging and wide-ranging Super Curriculum for students to engage with outside of lessons. The purpose of the Super Curriculum is to provide an opportunity for students to deepen their knowledge and understanding in a subject area which they have a particular interest in or passion for.

Year 7 students are expected to complete three tasks during the academic year. It is optional for Year 8 to 10 students, but we strongly encourage them to get involved.

Please take some time to look through the Super Curriculum Google site with your child and encourage them to complete a task which is of particular interest to them. They should share their completed task with their relevant subject teacher. You can access the Super Curriculum Google site through our school website through the 'Curriculum' page or by clicking [here](#).

### **U14 Hockey**

Congratulations to the U14 hockey team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Hockey Tournament first round yesterday, narrowly missing out on 1<sup>st</sup> place due to goal difference. This was a fantastic achievement and means the students will now be in the Regional Finals later in the year. Well done to all students involved.

### **End of Day Collection**

We are receiving complaints from our local residents about parking at the end of the day in Peters Wood Hill. I would ask that those parents picking up their children from the back gate park a little distance away and ask your child to meet you. We are keen to ensure that our relationship with our neighbours is positive and respectful.

### **'Preparing for GCSE Maths' Workshop - Year 11 Parent/Carer and Students**

A final reminder to sign up to this event that the Mathematics Department will be hosting next week on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** from 6pm to 7pm in the school hall. It is a great opportunity to ensure your child has the tools they need to succeed in their GCSE Maths exams in the summer. The evening will include information on practical strategies and an opportunity to do some maths. If you are planning on attending, please click [here](#) and complete the short form by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. We look forward to seeing as many Year 11 students and their parents/carers as possible.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to those staff who baked cakes or donated money as part of the Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was a pleasure to taste all of the cakes!

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Regards

Mr M Warren  
Headteacher